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Letter dated 19 April 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a press release that was issued by the Government of Guyana on 13 April 1999 concerning the situation in Kosovo.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 64, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Press release issued by the Government of Guyana on 13 April 1999 concerning the situation in Kosovo

The tragic situation in Kosovo remains a cause for serious concern within the international community.

The Government of Guyana strongly condemns the policy and practice of ethnic division which, in this instance, has resulted in the massive displacement and horrendous suffering of several hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians. We join other peace-loving States in calling for an end to the violent conflict and a return to peace and the orderly development of this strife-torn region. We encourage the relief efforts now under way to assist the victims of the violence and hope that some degree of normalcy will be restored to their lives in the future.

As a Member of the United Nations, Guyana profoundly regrets the unilateral resort to force in the attempt to resolve the conflict. Accordingly, it urges the cessation of hostilities, the early resettlement of all displaced persons and refugees and a renewal of diplomatic efforts under the auspices of the Security Council to find a peaceful solution based on the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the desires of the peoples in the region.